

# **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

## **LEWISTON, MAINE**

**April 10, 2006**

**PRESENT:**

Councilor Mark Paradis, Ronald Paradis and Robert Reed..

**ABSENT:** Chairman Roger Provencher and Councilor Lillian LaFontaine O'Brien

Meeting was called to order at 5:17 p.m. by the Clerk.

It was requested that nominations be made for a Chairperson Pro-Tem for this meeting.

On motion of Mr. Mark Paradis , seconded by Mr. Reed it was

**VOTED:**

**(29-2006)** To elect Ronald Paradis Chairman Pro-Tem for this meeting.

**VOTE: 3-0**

On motion of Mr. Reed, seconded by Mr. Mark Paradis it was

**VOTED:**

**(30-2006)** To dispense with reading of the minutes of the previous meeting dated March 27, 2006 and to accept and place them on file as submitted by the Clerk.

**VOTE: 3-0**

On recommendation of the Purchasing Agent and on motion of Mr. Mark Paradis , seconded by Mr. Reed it was

**VOTED:**

**(31-2006)** To award Bid 2006-009 on the Installation of a Pedestrian Bridge for the Cross Canal #1 between Bates Mill #5 and Bates Mill #1 parking areas to Hebert Construction, Lewiston, Maine, low bidder at their total bid price of \$17,983.

**VOTE: 3-0**

At this time, the Committee considered award of Bid 2006-003 on an Aerial Fire Apparatus. Fire Chief Paul LeClair made a power point presentation on the evaluation process that was undertaken by the Fire Department and specifically, the Truck Committee, to determine if each of the bidders had met the specifications.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES**

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The first evaluation was on the low bidder, Emergency Vehicles of Maine who submitted a bid on a Ferrara Ladder Truck with a low base bid price of \$649,960. The bid submitted on the Ferrara Fire Truck was of a low profile cab which does not meet the department's bid specifications. The specifications called for a custom fire truck with an eight (8") inch raised roof and the low profile cab actually creates an eight (8") inch intrusion into the driver/officer section of the cab. Several pictures of the interior of the cab with Firefighters situated in the driver and officer seat clearly showed that it would be cumbersome and that Firefighters could easily bump their heads on the intrusion area. The low profile cab would also require that an auto stow control for the ladder gun be installed at an additional cost of \$520.

The second low bid was from Greenwood Emergency Vehicles who submitted a bid on a Emergency One Ladder Truck at a bid price of \$652,199. The two major areas that the E-One Ladder did not meet specifications was that the bid was on a 100 foot aluminum ladder rather than a 105' steel ladder as specified and secondly, a scissor type jack system to stabilize the truck was included rather than the H Jack system that was specified in the bid specifications. The bid submitted was also on an 80 foot water way rather than a 100 foot pinned water way that was requested in the bid specifications. The additional cost of the pinned water way from E-One would be \$10,000. Several other items did not meet specifications but those listed above were of the major concern.

The third bid was from Minuteman Truck of Walpole, MA, who submitted a bid on a Pierce Ladder Truck at a total bid price of \$658,724. The Pierce Ladder Truck was a 105 foot steel aerial with a full cab which met all of the bid specifications. Pictures of the interior of the cab were also shown which illustrated no intrusions into the cab area.

The department and Purchasing Agent recommendation was that the bid be awarded to Minuteman Truck of Walpole, MA, the low bidder meeting specifications.

After several questions by Committee members, the following action was taken.

On recommendation of the Purchasing Agent and on motion of Mr. Mark Paradis , seconded by Mr. Reed it was

### **VOTED:**

**(32-2006)** To award Bid 2006-003 on an Aerial Fire Apparatus to Minuteman Fire & Rescue Apparatus Inc., Walpole, MA, on a Pierce Ladder Truck at their total bid price of \$658,724.

**VOTE: 3-0**

### **VOTED:**

To adjourn at 6:41 p.m.

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Richard Metivier  
Clerk  
Finance Committee